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SUBJECT: TRADE COMPLAINT: NABIL PHARES

1. NABIL PHARES, EXPORTER OF ARTISAN PRODUCTS, CALLED ON USINT FOR ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING PAYMENT FROM MR. V.C. BAYNE, 206 EAST ANAPAMU STREET, SANTA BARBARA, CALIFORNIA 93101. PHARES AND BAYNE HAVE HAD NUMEROUS DEALINGS IN ARABIC HANDICRAFTS WHICH THE LATTER IMPORTS AND SELLS IN HIS SHOP CALLED "HODGE PODGE".

2. IN SEPTEMBER PHARES FILLED AN ORDER FOR VARIOUS ITEMS TOTALLING \$403.65. BAYNE ACKNOWLEDGED RECEIPT OF SHIPMENT, BUT TO DATE PHARES HAS NOT RECEIVED PAYMENT. IN CORRESPONDENCE BAYNE HAS CLAIMED 1) THAT HE WAS OUT OF THE U.S., 2) THAT HE HAS BEEN IN THE HOSPITAL (HEART ATTACK), AND 3) THAT HIS MEDICAL BILLS HAVE LEFT HIM IN FINANCIAL DIFFICULTY. THERE HAS BEEN NO COMMUNICATION FROM BAYNE SINCE MID-DECEMBER.

3. REQUEST ASSISTANCE IN DETERMINING TO EXTENT POSSIBLE WHAT BAYNE'S PRESENT INTENTIONS ARE REGARDING PAYMENT OF ABOVE BILL. ANY INFORMATION OR ASSISTANCE WE CAN PROVIDE LOCAL BUSINESSMEN IN REQUESTS SUCH AS THESE WILL IMPROVE OUR POSITION WITHIN THE COMMUNITY AND WE APPRECIATE YOUR EFFORTS ON OUR BEHALF.
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